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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Melody Arabo, 2014-2015 Michigan Teacher of the Year

SUBJECT: Teacher of the Year Report

- Addressed an audience of 1,200 Walled Lake Schools staff members, including teachers, administrators, support staff, custodial staff, etc., during our "Opening Day" district kickoff. The theme of my speech was, "Let me learn from you, let me serve you, and let me be your voice."
- Launched my website, www.melodyarabo.com, on Social Media.
- Wrote my first official Michigan Teacher of the Year (MTOY) Blog entry, which is shared on my website and will be linked to the Meemic Insurance Company website.
- Received my new car lease, courtesy of Meemic Insurance Company.
- Was interviewed and featured on WWJ Newsradio in a back-to-school preparation segment.
- Met with administrators from Grosse Pointe Schools to present an outline for a keynote speaking engagement for their November 4th Professional Development Day. The theme is "Making Connections."
- Currently working on my application for National Teacher of the Year.

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